

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by White III (U.S. Pat. No. 6,561,454). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

I. Regarding Claims 1-9, Claim 1 has been amended, as set forth above, to recite, "A cabin services system for use with mobile platforms, the cabin services system comprising: a plurality of subsystems including configuration data used to provide one or more operations of each subsystem within a cabin of the mobile platform; a controller for outputting signals operative with the configuration data of each subsystem to control the one or more operations of each subsystem; at least one switching module controlled by the controller for routing signals between the controller and each subsystem and between the subsystems; and a plurality of data busses communicatively interconnecting the subsystems to the switching module and the switching module to the controller, wherein all the data busses are the same type of local area network cable."

White does not describe, show or suggest a mobile platform cabin services system including the limitations recited in amended Claim 1. For example, White does not describe, show or suggest a mobile platform cabin services system including a plurality of subsystems that include configuration data used to operate each subsystem; a controller for outputting signals operative with the configuration data to control the operations of each subsystem; at least one switching module controlled by the controller for routing signals between the controller and each subsystem and between the subsystems; and a plurality of data busses communicatively interconnecting the subsystems to the switching module and the switching module to the controller, wherein all the data busses are the same type of local area network cable.

Rather, White describes an aircraft fiber channel arbitrated loop data network 32 including a number of network devices 22 distributed throughout the aircraft fuselage

12. Each network device 22 is connected to a first end of a respective fiber optic cable 24 and each fiber optic cable 24 is connected at a second end to a fiber optic hub 40 that includes a connector 44 and a removable and replaceable cap 46. The Replaceable cap 46 includes a housing 47 containing jumpers 48 that each provide optical signal connectivity between one or more of the fiber optic cables 24. The network devices 22 may be reconfigured in a logical loop having an arbitrary ordering of network devices by installing a replaceable cap 46 containing jumpers 48 providing the appropriate signal connections between fiber optic cables 24. Thus, White does not describe, show or suggest a mobile platform cabin services system including a controller connected to at least one switching module by at least one data bus wherein the switching module is controlled by the controller and connected, via a plurality of data busses, to a plurality of subsystems that include configuration data for controlling the respective subsystem, and wherein all the data busses are the same type of local area network cable.

Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 1 is patentable over White.

Claims 2-9 depend from amended Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-9 are considered in combination with the recitations of amended Claim 1, Applicants submit that Claims 2-9 are likewise patentable over White.

II. Regarding Claims 10-17, Claim 10 has been amended, as set forth above, to recite limitations similar to the limitations recited in amended Claim 1. Therefore, in accordance with the remarks set forth above with regard to amended Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 10 is also patentable over White.

Claims 11-17 depend from amended Claim 10. When the recitations of Claims 11-17 are considered in combination with the recitations of amended Claim 10, Applicants submit that Claims 11-17 are likewise patentable over White.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the §102 rejections of Claims 1-17 be withdrawn.

2. Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by White III (U.S. Pat. No. 6,561,454). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 18 has been amended, as set forth above, to recite limitations similar to the limitations recited in amended Claim 1. Therefore, in accordance with the remarks set forth above with regard to amended Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 18 is also patentable over White.

Claims 19 and 20 depend from amended Claim 18. When the recitations of Claims 19 and 20 are considered in combination with the recitations of amended Claim 18, Applicants submit that Claims 19 and 20 are likewise patentable over White.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the §102 rejections of Claims 18-20 be withdrawn.

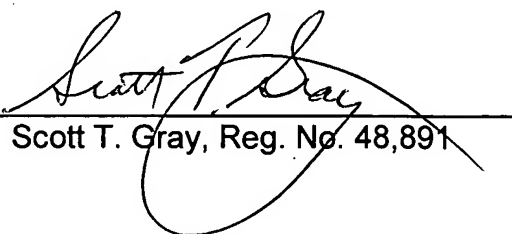
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7525.

Respectfully submitted,

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